

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

House passed S.J. Res. 6, Labor Department Ergonomics Rule Disapproval—clearing the measure for the President.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S1915–S2016

Measures Introduced: Sixteen bills and seven resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 472–487, S. Res. 45–49, and S. Con. Res. 21–22. **Pages S1971–72**

Measures Reported:

S. Res. 46, authorizing expenditures by the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs.

S. Res. 47, authorizing expenditures by the Select Committee on Intelligence.

S. Res. 49, authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. **Page S1971**

Measures Passed:

Honoring Former Minnesota Governor Stassen: Senate agreed to S. Res. 48, honoring the life of former Governor of Minnesota Harold E. Stassen, and expressing deepest condolences of the Senate to his family on his death. **Page S2016**

Bankruptcy Reform: Senate resumed consideration of S. 420, to amend title 11, United States Code, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S1925–62**

Rejected:

By 34 yeas to 65 nays, 1 responding present (Vote No. 16), Wellstone Amendment No. 14, to create an exemption for certain debtors that can demonstrate to the satisfaction of the court that the reason for the filing was a result of debts incurred through medical expenses.

Pages S1928–44, S1955–59, S1960–61

Leahy Amendment No. 13, to provide small business creditors priority over larger businesses relating to distribution of the bankruptcy estate. (By 58 yeas to 41 nays, 1 responding present (Vote No. 17), Senate tabled the amendment.)

Pages S1926–28, S1953–55, S1959–60, S1961–62

Pending:

Durbin Amendment No. 17, to discourage certain predatory lending practices. **Pages S1944–53**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the resolution and amendments to be proposed thereto, on Thursday, March 8, 2001. **Page S2016**

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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—17) **Pages S1961, S1962**

Adjournment: Senate met at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 7:44 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, March 8, 2001. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S2016.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

ELECTION REFORM

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee held hearings to examine the need for electoral process and voting technology reform, in order to ensure accessible, accurate and secure elections, including proposed legislation to eliminate

punch card voting, and require uniform voting standards and quality voting equipment, receiving testimony from Senators Dodd and Schumer; Representatives Conyers, Hutchinson and Meek; Oregon Secretary of State Bill Bradbury, Salem; Georgia Secretary of State Cathy Cox, Atlanta; Kansas Secretary of State Ron Thornburgh, Topeka; and John C. Bollinger, Paralyzed Veterans of America, Wade Henderson, Leadership Conference on Civil Rights, Mary Jane O'Gara, American Association of Retired Persons, and Raul Yzaguirre, National Council of La Raza, all of Washington, D.C.

Hearings recessed subject to call.

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee ordered favorably reported an original resolution (S. Res. 49) requesting \$2,504,922 for operating expenses for the period from March 1, 2001 through September 30, 2001, \$4,443,495 for operating expenses for the period from October 1, 2001 through September 30, 2002, and \$1,900,457 for operating expenses for the period from October 1, 2002 through February 28, 2003.

Also, committee adopted its rules of procedure for the 107th Congress, and announced the following subcommittee assignments:

Subcommittee on Energy Research, Development, Production and Regulation: Senators Nickles (Chairman), Domenici (Vice Chairman), Shelby, Hagel, Thomas, Kyl, Craig, Campbell, Burns, Graham (Ranking Member), Akaka, Wyden, Johnson, Landrieu, Bayh, Feinstein, Schumer, and Cantwell.

Subcommittee on Forests and Public Land Management: Senators Craig (Chairman), Burns (Vice Chairman), Domenici, Nickles, Gordon Smith, Thomas, Kyl, Shelby, Wyden (Ranking Member), Akaka, Johnson, Landrieu, Bayh, Feinstein, Schumer, and Cantwell.

Subcommittee on National Parks, Historic Preservation, and Recreation: Senators Thomas (Chairman), Campbell (Vice Chairman), Burns, Gordon Smith, Hagel, Domenici, Akaka (Ranking Member), Dorgan, Graham, Landrieu, Bayh, and Schumer.

Subcommittee on Water and Power: Senators Gordon Smith (Chairman), Kyl (Vice Chairman), Craig, Campbell, Shelby, Hagel, Dorgan (Ranking Member), Graham, Wyden, Johnson, Feinstein, and Cantwell.

PRESIDENT'S INCOME TAX PROPOSALS

Committee on Finance: Committee resumed hearings to examine issues related to the President's income tax rate proposals, focusing on marginal income tax rate reduction, receiving testimony from Michael Brostek, Director, Tax Issues, General Accounting Office; Glen L. Bower, Illinois Department of Revenue, Springfield; Stephen J. Entin, Institute for Research on the Economics of Taxation, and Henry J. Aaron, Brookings Institution, both of Washington, D.C.; Carol Markman, Westbury, New York, on behalf of the National Conference of CPA Practitioners and the National Tax Policy Committee; and Jeffrey B. Liebman, Harvard University Kennedy School of Government, Cambridge, Massachusetts.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee began markup of proposed legislation to extend programs and activities under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, but did not complete action thereon, and will meet again tomorrow.

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee adopted its rules of procedure for the 107th Congress.

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee ordered favorably reported an original resolution (S. Res. 47) requesting \$1,859,933 for operating expenses for the period from March 1, 2001 through September 30, 2001, \$3,298,074 for operating expenses for the period from October 1, 2001 through September 30, 2002, and \$1,410,164 for operating expenses for the period from October 1, 2002 through February 28, 2003.

Also, committee adopted its rules of procedure for the 107th Congress.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee meets again Wednesday, March 14.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 29 public bills, H.R. 906–934; 1 private bill, H.R. 935; and 8 resolutions, H.J. Res. 35; H. Con. Res. 52–56, and H. Res. 82, 84, were introduced. **Pages H739–41**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows: H. Res. 83, providing for consideration of H.R. 3, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to reduce individual income tax rates (H. Rept. 107–12). **Page H739**

Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Bonilla to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H653**

Journal: Agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal of Tuesday, March 6 by a ye and nay vote of 337 yeas to 72 nays with 1 voting "present", Roll No. 28. **Pages H653, H657–58**

Consideration of Suspensions on Wednesday, March 7: The House agreed to H. Res. 78, providing for the consideration of motions to suspend the rules on Wednesday, March 7. **Pages H667–68**

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Importance of Organ, Tissue, Bone Marrow, and Blood Donation: H. Con. Res. 31, expressing the sense of the Congress regarding the importance of organ, tissue, bone marrow, and blood donation and supporting National Donor Day (agreed to by a ye and nay vote of 418 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 30); **Pages H668–72, H681–82**

Organ Donation Improvement: H.R. 624, amended, to amend the Public Health Service Act to promote organ donation (passed by a ye and nay vote of 404 yeas with none voting "no" nays, Roll No. 31); and **Pages H672–77, H682**

Honoring the Members of the Virginia Air National Guard and Florida Army National Guard Killed in an Aircraft Crash in South-Central Georgia: H. Con. Res. 47, honoring the 21 members of the National Guard who were killed in the crash of a National Guard aircraft on March 3, 2001, in south-central Georgia (agreed to by a ye and nay vote of 413 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 32). **Pages H677–81, H683–84**

Recess: The House recessed at 2:31 p.m. and reconvened at 5:47 p.m. **Page H684**

Committee on Standards of Official Conduct Investigative Subcommittees: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of Representative Hulshof

to serve on investigative subcommittees of the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct with additional members to be designated at a later date. Read a letter from the Minority Leader wherein he announced his designation of Representative Clyburn to serve on an investigative subcommittee of the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct. **Page H684**

Labor Department Ergonomics Regulations: The House passed S.J. Res. 6, a joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval of the rule submitted by the Department of Labor under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, relating to ergonomics by a ye and nay vote of 223 yeas to 206 nays, Roll No. 33—clearing the measure for the President. **Pages H684–H708**

Earlier, the House agreed to H. Res. 79, the rule that provided for consideration of the joint resolution by a ye and nay vote of 222 yeas to 198 nays, Roll No. 29. **Pages H658–67**

Committee Resignations: Read a letter from Mr. Sherwood wherein he resigned from the Committees on Resources, Armed Services, and Transportation and Infrastructure. And, read letters from Mr. Knollenberg and Mr. Wamp wherein they resigned from the Committee on the Budget. **Page H708**

Committee Election: The House agreed to H. Res. 82, electing members to the following committees of the House: Appropriations: Mr. Sherwood. Budget: Mr. Doolittle to rank after Mr. Hastings of Washington; Mr. LaHood and Ms. Granger to rank after Mr. Portman. Education and the Workforce: Mr. Goodlatte to rank after Mr. Isakson. **Page H708**

Senate Messages: Message received from the Senate appears on page H653.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Six ye and nay votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H657–58, H667, H681–82, H682, H683–84, and H707–08. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 12 midnight.

Committee Meetings

FARM CREDIT SYSTEM—ISSUANCE OF NATIONAL CHARTERS

Committee on Agriculture: Held a hearing to review the Farm Credit Administration's proposed rule providing for the issuance of national charters for the

Farm Credit System. Testimony was heard from Michael M. Reyna, Chairman and CEO, Farm Credit Administration; and public witnesses.

HHS—BUDGET PRIORITIES

Committee on the Budget: Held a hearing on Department of Health and Human Services Budget Priorities Fiscal Year 2002. Testimony was heard from Tommy G. Thompson, Secretary of Health and Human Services; Gail R. Wilensky, Chair, Medicare Payment Advisory Commission; and public witnesses.

LEAVE NO CHILD BEHIND

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Held a hearing on “Leave No Child Behind.” Testimony was heard from Rod Paige, Secretary of Education.

BROWNFIELDS CLEANUPS

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Environment and Hazardous Materials held a hearing entitled: “A Smarter Partnership: Removing Barriers to Brownfields Cleanups.” Testimony was heard from Christine Todd Whitman, Administrator, EPA; Ruth Ann Minner, Governor, State of Delaware; Robert C. Shinn, Commissioner, Department of Environmental Protection, State of New Jersey; George Meyer, Special Assistant to the Secretary, Department of Natural Resources, State of Wisconsin; and a public witness.

SEC—REDUCING EXCESSIVE FEES

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Insurance, and Government Sponsored Enterprises held a hearing entitled “Saving Investors Money: Reducing Excessive SEC Fees.” Testimony was heard from Senators Gramm and Schumer; Laura Unger, Acting Chair, SEC; and public witnesses.

GAO VIEWS—NATIONAL DEFENSE AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS PROGRAMS

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on National Security, Veterans’ Affairs, and International Relations held a hearing on “Vulnerabilities to Waste, Fraud, and Abuse: GAO Views on National Defense and International Relations Programs.” Testimony was heard from David M. Walker, Comptroller General, GAO.

COMMITTEE FUNDING

Committee on House Administration: Met to consider funding requests for the following Committees: International Relations; Government Reform, Judiciary, Small Business; Energy and Commerce; Veterans’ Affairs; Budget; Armed Services; Rules; and Ways and Means.

REINVIGORATING U.S. FOREIGN POLICY

Committee on International Relations: Held a hearing on Reinvigorating U.S. Foreign Policy. Testimony was heard from Colin Powell, Secretary of State.

HUMAN RIGHTS PRACTICES

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on International Operations and Human Rights held a hearing on State Department Country Reports on Human Rights Practices—Road Map for Budgeting of Democracy and Human Rights Programs of the State Department? Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT

Committee on Resources: Held an oversight hearing on the Role of Public Lands in the Development of a Self-Reliant Energy Policy. Testimony was heard from the following Governors: Tony Knowles, State of Alaska; Jim Geringer, State of Wyoming; and Judy Martz, State of Montana; and public witnesses.

ECONOMIC GROWTH AND TAX RELIEF ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by a record vote of 8–4, a modified closed rule on H.R. 3, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to reduce individual income tax rates, providing one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Ways and Means. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the amendment recommended by the Committee on Ways and Means now printed in the bill shall be considered as adopted. The rule provides for consideration of the amendment in the nature of a substitute printed in the Rules Committee report accompanying the resolution, if offered by Representative Rangel or his designee, which shall be considered as read and shall be separately debatable for one hour equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent. The rule waives all points of order against the amendment in the nature of a substitute. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Chairman Thomas and Representatives Horn, Smith of Michigan, Flake, Pence, Rangel, Tanner, Obey, Stenholm, Spratt, Taylor of Mississippi, Roemer, Eddie Bernice Johnson of Texas, Tauscher, Hill, and Turner.

K-12TH GRADE MATH AND SCIENCE EDUCATION

Committee on Science: Held a hearing on K-12th Grade Math and Science Education: the View from the Blackboard. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

BUDGET VIEWS AND ESTIMATES; COMMITTEE BUSINESS

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Approved Committee Budget Views and Estimates for Fiscal Year 2002 for submission to the Committee on the Budget.

The Committee also approved other pending Committee business.

BUDGET VIEWS AND ESTIMATES

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Approved Committee Budget Views and Estimates for Fiscal Year 2002 for submission to the Committee on the Budget.

ADMINISTRATION'S TRADE AGENDA

Committee on Ways and Means: Held a hearing on the Administration's Trade Agenda. Testimony was heard from Robert B. Zoellick, U.S. Trade Representative.

BRIEFING—HANSEN MATTER

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to receive a briefing on the Hansen matter. The Committee was briefed by officials of the FBI, Department of Justice.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, MARCH 8, 2001

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Armed Services: to hold closed hearings to examine current and future worldwide threats to the national security of the United States, 10 a.m., S-407, Capitol.

Committee on the Budget: to resume hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2002, 10 a.m., SD-608.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: business meeting to mark up S. 350, to amend the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 to promote the cleanup and reuse of brownfields, to provide financial assistance for brownfields revitalization, to enhance State response programs, 9:30 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Finance: to hold hearings on issues relating to the family tax burden, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine foreign policy issues and the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2002 for the Department of State, 10:30 a.m., SD-419.

Committee on Governmental Affairs: organizational business meeting to consider proposed legislation requesting funds for the committee's operating expenses, subcommittee assignments, and rules of procedure for the 107th Congress, 2 p.m., SD-342.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: business meeting to continue consideration of proposed legis-

lation entitled Better Education For Students and Teachers Act, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Committee on Rules and Administration: business meeting to consider proposed legislation authorizing expenditures for the committees of the Senate for the 107th Congress, 4 p.m., SR-301.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: to hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs to examine the legislative recommendations of the Paralyzed Veterans of America, Jewish War Veterans, Blinded Veterans Association, the Non-Commissioned Officers Association, and the Military Order of the Purple Heart, 9:30 a.m., 345 Cannon Building.

House

Committee on Agriculture, to continue hearings to review the federal farm commodity programs with the barley growers, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration and Related Agencies, on FDA, 9:30 a.m., 2362A Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Defense, executive, on U.S. Pacific Command and U.S. Forces, Korea, 9:30 a.m., and executive, on U.S. Central Command, 1:30 p.m., H-140 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Interior, on National Parks Services (Natural Resources Initiative), 10 a.m., B-308 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Military Construction, on Quality of Life in the Military, 9:30 a.m., B-300 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Transportation, on Inspector General, Department of Transportation, 10 a.m., 2358 Rayburn.

Committee on the Budget, hearing on Perspectives on the Economic Outlook, 9 a.m., and on Members Day, 1 p.m., 210 Cannon.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, Subcommittee on Education Reform, hearing on "Measuring Success: Using Assessments and Accountability to Raise Student Achievement," 10:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade, and Consumer Protection, hearing entitled: "The EU Data Protection Directive: Implications for the U.S. Privacy Debate," 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet, hearing entitled "Technology and Education: A Review of Federal, State and Private Sector Programs," 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, to consider Committee Budget Views and Estimates for Fiscal Year 2002 for submission to the Committee on the Budget, 9:30 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, to mark up the following: H.R. 809, Antitrust Technical Corrections Act of 2001; S. 320, Intellectual Property and High Technology Technical Amendments Act of 2001; H.R. 802, Public Safety Officer Medal of Valor Act of 2001; H.R. 741, to amend the Trademark Act of 1946 to provide for the registration and protection of trademarks used in commerce, in order

to carry out provisions of certain international conventions; H.R. 860, Multidistrict, Multiforum Trial Jurisdiction Act of 2001; H.R. 861, to make technical changes to Title 9, United States Code, to correct typographical error in a provision relating to arbitration; and Budget Views and Estimates on the Fiscal Year 2002 Budget for submission to the Committee on the Budget, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Crime, hearing on H.R. 863, Consequences for Juvenile Offenders Act of 2001, 1 p.m., 2237 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health, hearing on the National Fire Plan Implementation, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Subcommittee on National Parks, Recreation and Public Lands, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 107, to require that the Secretary of the Interior conduct a study to identify sites and resources, to recommend alternatives for commemorating and interpreting the Cold War; H.R. 400, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to establish the Ronald Reagan Boyhood Home National Historic Site; and H.R. 452, Ronald Reagan Memorial Act of 2001, 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation, to hold a Coast Guard briefing, 10 a.m., followed by a hearing on the Coast Guard Fiscal Year 2001 Supplemental Funding Needs, 2167 Rayburn.

Joint Meetings

Joint Meetings: Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs, to hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs to examine the legislative recommendations of the Paralyzed Veterans of America, Jewish War Veterans, Blinded Veterans Association, the Non-Commissioned Officers Association, and the Military Order of the Purple Heart, 9:30 a.m., 345 Cannon Building.

Joint Economic Committee: to hold hearings to examine the status of proposed reforms relating to International Monetary Fund financial structure and transparency, IMF interest subsidies, moral hazard, and effectiveness of IMF operations; World Bank financing and effectiveness and IMF programs in Argentina, Turkey, and certain other countries, 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn Building.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

9:30 a.m., Thursday, March 8

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Thursday, March 8

Senate Chamber

Program for Thursday: Senate will continue consideration of S. 420, Bankruptcy Reform.

House Chamber

Program for Thursday: Consideration of H.R. 3, Economic Growth and Tax Relief Act (modified closed rule, one hour of debate).

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